

[No terrane having high mineral resource potential for any commodity was identified within the study area] Areas having identified mineral resource—Letters refer to areas listed here and in table on plate C. Copper, gold Geologic terrane having high resource potential with certainty level D-Number prefix refers to area listed here and in table 3. Numbered area may surround lettered areas; if so, lettered area has the same resource potential as numbered area beologic terrane having moderate resource potential with certainty levels B, C, or D—Number prefixes refer to areas listed in table here and in table 3. Numbered areas may surround lettered areas; if so, lettered area has the same resource potential as the numbered area. These areas constitute about 36 percent of the study area. Area 5 is outside the study area L/C,D Geologic terrane having low resource potential with certainty level C or D-Copper, lead, zinc, gold, and silver in massive sulfide deposits (certainty level D) Rare-earth minerals, feldspar, and mica in pegmatites (certainty level D) Industrial rocks and minerals, decorative and ornamental stone, and geothermal resources (cer-Oil, gas, coal, sand and gravel, and deposits of placer gold (certainty level C) Geologic terrane having unknown resource potential with certainty level A-Gold in small to medium-size disseminated deposits; applies to entire study area except as otherwise noted Levels of certainty Available data not adequate to estimate potential Data indicate geologic environment and suggest level of resource potential Data indicate geologic environment and give good indication of level of resource potential, but do not establish activity of resource-forming process Data clearly define geologic environment and level of resource potential and indicate activity of resource-forming processes in all or part of the area CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS Igneous and meta- Sedimentary and meta-QUATERNARY QUATERNARY AND Pleistocene and Pliocene(?) TERTIARY TERTIARY CRETACEOUS Upper Cretaceous

EXPLANATION OF IDENTIFIED RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESOURCE POTENTIAL WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE STUDY AREA

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Surficial deposits

Gravel and sand (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Moderately sorted, boulder to pebble gravel and beds of sand, generally unindurated but locally indurated by caliche; light-gray to light-brownish-gray alluvium deposited along watercourses, on stream terraces and alluvial aprons. Includes colluvium

and, in valleys, also some eolian material

Gravel and sand (Pleistocene and Pliocene?)—Moderately sorted cobble to pebble gravel and sand beds; slightly indurated alluvium deposited on highest terrace and a high-level fan apron north of the mountains

Early Proterozoic

PROTEROZOIC

Landslide deposit (Pleistocene and Pliocene?)—Locally derived blocks several feet to tens of feet across, typically rotated, slumped, and capped by a terrace or sag feature, and, in a few instances, separated from material upslope by a fracture zone that has many open cavities extending to about 10 ft below the surface

Rocks of upper plate of Bullard detachment fault

Rocks of lower plate of Bullard detachment fault

Rhyolite (Miocene)—Light-gray, fine-grained, crystal-lithic, welded tuff, probably K-metasomatized,

near Bullard Peak

Andesite (Miocene)—Medium-gray, fine-grained to porphyritic rock, some vesicular and amygdular, weathering to dark brown with heavy cover of desert varnish. Phenocrysts of plagioclase and amphibole; moderately propylitized and probably K-metasomatized

Sedimentary rocks (Miocene and Oligocene?)—Dark-brown to reddish-brown conglomerate and sandstone, very pale orange to pale-yellowish-brown shale and minor limestone and tuffaceous beds. Conglomerate clasts typically smaller and better rounded than those of younger alluvial deposits. Some conglomerates contain abundant detritus of andesite or rhyolite derived from volcanic rock such as occur in units Ta and Tr

Microgabbro (Miocene)—Dark-gray, fine- to medium-grained dikes, either undeformed or strongly mylonitized. Contains variable proportions of hornblende, altered plagioclase, epidote, biotite, quartz, and minor amounts of magnetite, apatite, and sphene

Granite of Tank Pass (Upper Cretaceous)—Light-gray to pale-yellowish-brown, medium-grained, equigranular, slightly flow-foliated, peraluminous biotite-muscovite granite. Mostly weathers to slabby outcrops and friable detritus, but locally makes bold outcrops or cliffs. Mylonitized along highest part of range, in northeast part of range, and in proximity to Bullard detachment fault. Contains about equal amounts of quartz, oligoclase, and microcline; lesser amounts of biotite, muscovite, manganese-rich garnet; and trace amounts of ilmenite, apatite, zircon, sphene, and allanite

Xgd Granodiorite to granite (Early Proterozoic)—Coarsely porphyritic, dark-gray, slightly deformed to intensely foliated granodiorite to granite. Phenocrysts as much as 1 in. long of potassium feldspar in matrix of plagioclase, microcline, quartz, biotite, minor epidote, sericite, and trace amounts of magnetite, apatite, and zircon. Weathers to blocky or rounded outcrops

Gneiss (Early Proterozoic)—Undivided amphibolite, pelitic schist, and granite gneiss. Includes small bodies of migmatite. Distinct layered appearance due to compositional variation of rock types. Weathers mostly to gentle slopes or small irregular cliffs but locally to rugged craggy spurs. Divided into various rock types where observed but not separately mapped. All rock types are mylonitized along highest part of range, in northeast part of range, and near Bullard detachment fault Granite gneiss (Early Proterozoic)—Light-gray, medium-grained, equigranular granite to gran-

odiorite. Highly foliated to gneissic. Weathers to nonresistant outcrops. Contains microcline, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, muscovite, and minor epidote, apatite, and zircon Amphibolite (Early Proterozoic)—Fine- to coarse-grained, dark-gray to dark-green, foliated, compositionally banded to homogeneous amphibolite. Present as various lens-like, tabular, or irregular-shaped masses whose contacts with pelitic schist and granite gneiss are either sharp or gradational.

Consists of hornblende, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, epidote, sphene, and minor zircon

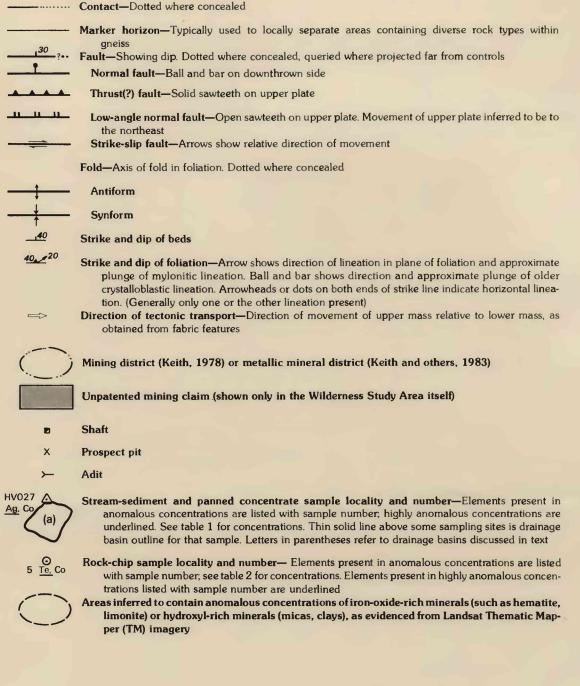
Pelitic schist (Early Proterozoic)—Light-gray, fine- to medium-grained muscovite-biotite schist.

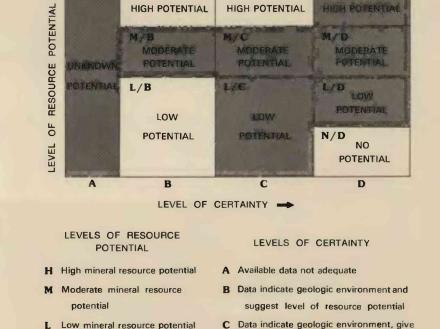
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Mylonitic gneiss (Early Proterozoic)—Dark-gray, fine-grained granitic, granodioritic, and micaceous rocks; some contain small angular fragments of phenocrysts and have strongly sheared or mylonitized foliation surfaces. Generally forms thin, sheet-like bodies parallel to mylonitic

Xnam Mylonitic amphibolite (Early Proterozoic)—Dark-gray to dark-green, fine-grained mylonitic amphibolite containing coarser grained amphibole in a matrix of finer grained plagioclase, quartz, epidote, and biotite





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potential and levels of certainty. Shading shows levels that apply to this study area

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N No known mineral resource